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Tramway workers start trouble at the Valley

Raid on Shanghai kills 700

London, January 30. Seven hundred were killed or injured and over 400 houses destroyed in the Chinese Nationalist air raid on Shanghai on January 25. The Soviet News Agency, Tass, reported this today, quoting the latest casualty figures from the city. It said the raid was the heaviest since the withdrawal of Kuomintang troops from Shanghai.—Reuter.

HAINAN DEFENCE PROSPECTS

Holihow, January 30. General Hsueh Yueh, Nationalist military commander of Hainan Island, said today that his forces will hold the island if the impending Red invasion is held off until after April 1.

The General said Nationalist gunboats and planes are dependent on to hold off the Reds on nearby Luchow Peninsula until defences here can be erected and his 140,000 troops trained into first-class fighting units. Planes based here daily pound the Red-held coast that may be seen from Holihow across Hainan Strait, which is less than 10 miles wide at some points.

General Hsueh said that eight Red armies, under General Liu Piao, are preparing to attack Hainan. He estimates their strength at about 100,000 men. He discounts as Communist propaganda reports that 250,000 Red troops are being—planned for the assault.

The former Kwangtung Governor said his staff are pinning their hopes for a breathing spell on the belief that the Communists are giving the invasion of Taiwan and the penetration of Indo-China a much higher priority.

Nationalist authorities here are anxious to give the impression that Hainan Island is fairly secure. They hope thereby to encourage American aid and increase the meagre assistance being given them by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's regime in Taiwan.

The commanders of a successful defence of Hainan Island in the next few months do not appear as good as the military men say. The island will remain for a long time in a precarious position and subject to invasion any day, neutral observers think.

General Hsueh asserted that Chinese Reds are providing arms for rebels in Indo-China. He said Nationalist agents on the mainland reported arms shipments across the Indo-China border to Viet Minh troops under Ho Chi Minh.

"The Chinese Communists prefer to invade Indo-China, Burma and Siam before they invade this island," the garrison commander declared. He added that the Chinese Reds are moving troops to the Indo-China border and charged that the Russians are involved in the action.—Associated Press.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) from a large and deepening depression over Korea a trough extends SW to N Taiwan and thence to the S China coast. A small anticyclone has formed to the S of Hong Kong.

Today's Forecast—Light variable winds, heavy rain or moderate SE in the afternoon. High about 100, with a little fog in the evening.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 78.5 deg. F. Minimum 66.5 deg. F. Rainfall 0.5 in. Wind 10-20 mph. Barometer 30.1 in. at sea level.

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NOTICE

DOG INOCULATION CENTRES

The following corrections and additions are made to the recent notice setting out the February programme for dog inoculation centres:—

1. Sai Wan Ho Centre will operate at Sai Wan Ho Market Compound and not at Shaikwan Police Station.

2. Aberdeen Centre will operate at the Aberdeen Market Compound.

3. Tsui Shu Tsui Centre the times of operation are 8-11 a.m. and 1-4.30 p.m.

N. B. M. WHITLEY, Secretary, Urban Council.

January 30, 1950.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 1st Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 11th February, 1950, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 2nd February, 1950.

By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

NOTICE

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LEFTIST MP ON "PLOT" BY AMERICA

London, January 29. Mr. D. N. Pritt, Leftist Labour Independent Member of the House of Commons, told the British-Soviet Society today that an American scheme to try to create war between two halves of the world had come to Britain under the Marshall Plan.

"We have to fight it," he declared.

Mr. Pritt was supporting, at the Society's annual meeting, a resolution which declared that "a great British-Soviet friendship movement is urgently necessary for our country."

Peace through greater co-operation with the Soviet Union is one of the aims, it added.

The resolution was carried. Mr. Pritt said that for more than 30 years there had been attempts to destroy friendship with Russia.

"They have not succeeded, neither have we succeeded as far as we would have liked in building or re-building that friendship."

A proposal to change the title of the Society to "the British-Soviet Friendship Society" sponsored by seven branches, was accepted.

The meeting decided to press for facilities for interchange of visits by British and Soviet citizens as soon as possible.

BUTCHERS CALL OFF BATTLE

London, January 29. Britain's butchers temporarily called off their "cold war" with the Ministry of Food tonight after an "eve of battle" decision to accept for a few weeks a Government decision to increase levies on meat from tomorrow.

Representatives of 35,000 butchers in England, Wales and North Ireland came by plane and train to London this morning for a special meeting.

They agreed finally to handle meat next week while demanding an independent inquiry into the whole question.

Throughout the country local branches of the butchers' organization, the National Retail Meat Traders Federation, met to decide on their action. Some agreed to handle supplies. Others waited for the London meeting before deciding their attitude.

All meetings protested at the Ministry's increased surcharge—from 2d. to 6d. in the Pound Sterling—some delegates declaring that it would drive the small trader out of business.

The butchers' representatives announced after their meeting that they had decided to recommend to their members to handle meat because "chaotic conditions would result from the totally inadequate emergency measures announced."—Reuter.

GIVEN BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

The benefit of the doubt was given to Tin Kau, aged 22, who was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with impersonating a Police officer and searching Ngan Choi in Johnston Road in the early hours of January 6. Tin was discharged.

Defendant, represented by Mr. A. S. Ross of Deacons, pleaded not guilty. Detective Sub-inspector R. G. Laurel prosecuted.

Ngan Choi, a tailor, said that he was walking along Johnston Road near the Methodist Church at 2.30 a.m. on January 6, when the defendant came up to him and said that he was a Police officer and wanted to search him.

After being subjected to the search, Ngan said that he saw Police Constable 1016, Lam Chiu, and told him that he had been searched by defendant. He then went with PC 1016 and pointed out the defendant.

Police Constable Lam Chiu said that he approached the defendant and asked him why he had searched complainant. Defendant denied the charge but said that he was attached to the Shaikwan Police Station. When asked for his identification, defendant admitted that he had been a tea-boy at the Police Station almost a year ago but was now unemployed. He then took complainant and defendant to the Eastern Police Station.

Tin Kau, defendant, said that on the night of January 5, he had left his home in Belcher Street, Kennedy Town to visit the theatre in Wanchai. After the show he had entered a cafe where he stayed until after 1 a.m. As he had no money he had intended to take a rickshaw home and then pay the puller at his house. It was while he was looking for a rickshaw that he was approached by complainant and the Police Constable and accused of impersonating the Police. He had denied the charge but had told the Constable that he had worked with the Shaikwan Police Station about a year ago. He was then taken to the Eastern Police Station and the next day taken to the Central Police Station where he spent the next two weeks.

In discharging the defendant, Mr. Lo said that there were persons who thought that they were "kings" if they were working or had been working for a Police Station. However in this case, as their was a certain doubt about what actually had searched complainant, defendant was discharged.

MENACES CHARGE

Two Shanghai Chinese, Chan Chi-ming, aged 24, and Yau Tak, aged 20, were charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with demanding money with menaces from Chan Kung-tat at the St. Francis Hotel, Causeway Bay, on January 28.

Chan is additionally charged with possession of a dagger without a licence. Detective Sub-inspector Scrags successfully applied for a remand of three days in police custody of the defendants for the police to complete their inquiries.

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S 8 7 5 2
H 2
D 10 5 4 3 2
C J 5 4
S 3
H A K 8 7
D 6 5
C K J 8
C 8 7 6

West North East South
1 H Pass 2 H 3 H
4 H Pass 5 H 6 S
South tried with his cue-bid of hearts to get some aid from his partner in reaching the best contract, but then took the bit in his own teeth, reckoning that a mere 7 in the diamond suit would make the small slam certain and the K would give him a grand slam.

As it developed, he should have made the small slam, though North had neither of those cards, but he tumbled it. Upon ruffing

the heart K with his spade 10—to leave him two probable trump entries into the dummy—it is noted that if East had either the diamond K or J he could come home by finessing twice.

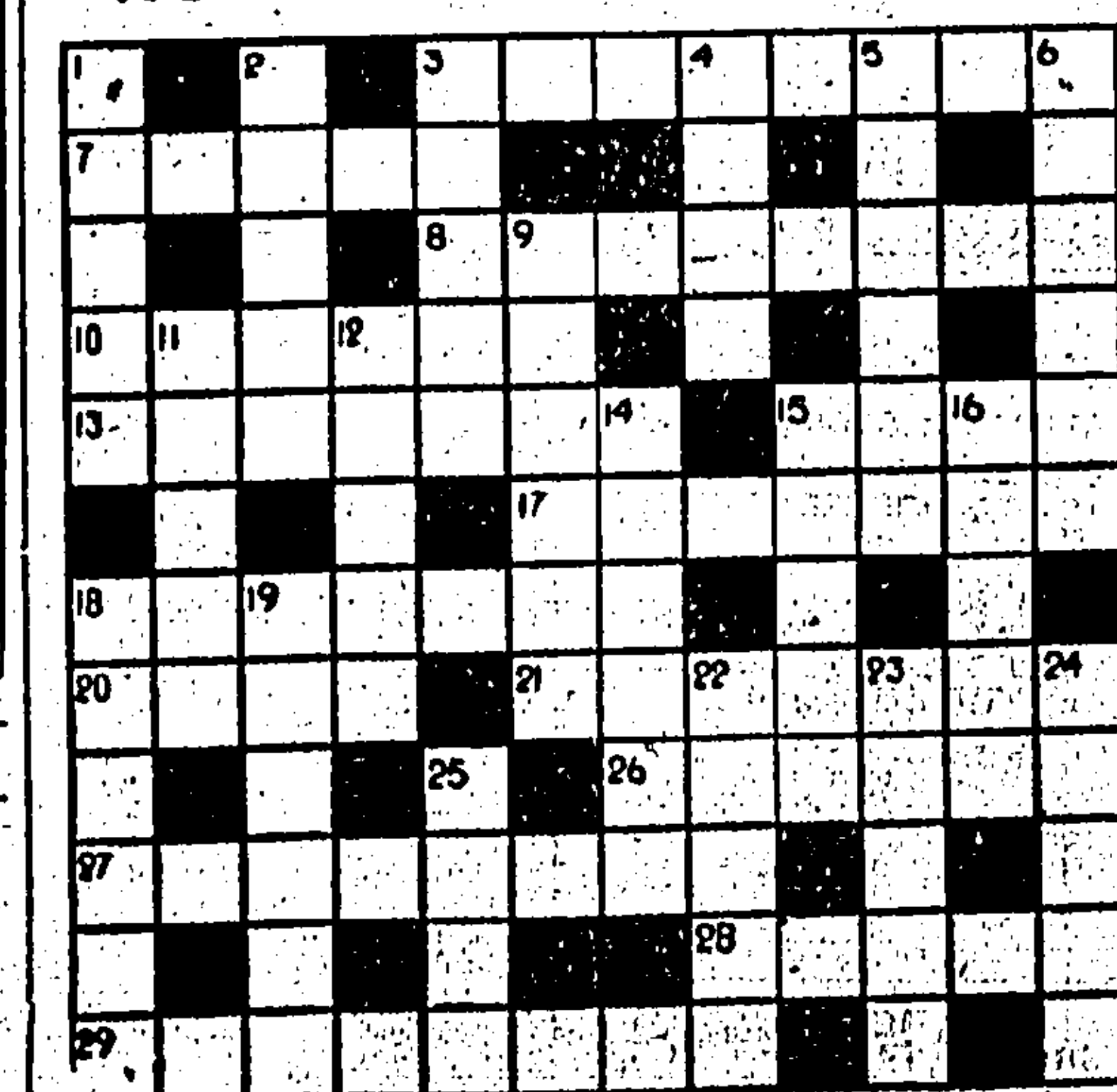
So he used his spade A on the second trick, led the 4 to the 8 and brought the diamond 2 to the 8, which the J of course won. He won the club 8 return with the A, led the spade 6 to the 7 and then finessed the diamond Q, which the K won, getting him. What a cinch that contract should have been. After taking out trumps in one round, he should have scored his three top clubs before going to dummy with a spade. Then he should have tried a finesse of the diamond 9. When West won with the K, he would have to choose between leading a diamond back into the A-Q or else a card which could be ruffed in dummy while South discarded the diamond Q to make his contract sure.

Tomorrow's Problem
S K 6
H K 7 2
D A Q 10 7 6 5
C 7 4
S 8 3
H J 10 9
D J 8 2
C A J 10
S 3
S Q J 10 9 8 2
H Q 8 6 5 3
D 3
C 6

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable and a part-score.)

How should South play for 4-Spades doubled by East after the heart J is led to the A and the 4 returned?

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NEW GUINEA'S FUTURE AFFECTED BY "TURK" WESTERLING'S REVOLT

WESTERN POWERS CHARGED

Prague, January 29.—The controlled Czech Press charged today that the Western powers are deliberately delaying negotiations for an Austrian peace treaty to preserve "the present chaotic conditions in Austria."

The cultural newspaper, "Lidove Noviny," said that "whatever the imperialists agree to during the day under the pressure of the Soviet delegates, they cancel at night."

The paper said, "Typical of the vexed articles of the peace treaty is a clause proposed by the Western powers. It would allow Austria to hire foreign nationals to operate military equipment and employ them in military and civil aviation posts. Thus the Western powers would secure an unlimited number of their instructors who would run the Austrian Army and policy in the desired way."

"Lidove Noviny" said the "imperialists delay the negotiations because they are the only ones interested in the preservation of the present chaotic conditions in Austria."

"Austria—according to the imperialists—should be held in the Western orbit at any price because it is an extremely important point in Central Europe."

"Therefore, the Anglo-Americans attempt to delay the negotiations by all means and intend to enslave Austria politically and economically. They want to resurrect Nazism, which is in substance the best guardian of the imperialist interests."—Associated Press.

New York, January 29.—The Netherlands' chances of retaining Dutch New Guinea have been enhanced by the success of "Turk" Westerling's defiance of Indonesian authority, according to diplomatic observers at The Hague, the "New York Times" said today.

The future of Dutch New Guinea was left in abeyance for one year at The Hague round-table conference, where the Indonesians negotiated their independence from the Dutch.

It was the only part of the former Netherlands' Eastern Empire that did not become part of the new United States of Indonesia.

Sydney Cruse, the "Times" correspondent at The Hague, said that observers there do not doubt that the Indonesian Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hatta's, Government will eventually succeed in crushing Captain Westerling's rebel forces.

But they also believe that former strong supporters of Indonesian's struggle for independence may now be hesitant in turning over to a Government unable to control its own territory.

These observers contend that both Australia and the United States consider Dutch New Guinea to be of far more strategic military importance than the rest of the islands.

Both countries are vitally concerned with the maintenance of stability there.

These observers consider it to be significant that Australia and the United States, which, with Belgium, form the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Indonesia, made no effort to persuade the Dutch to give up New Guinea during the round-table conference, even though the issue threatened the result of the entire negotiations for a time.

Mr. Cruse said it is believed at The Hague that it was with an eye to the future of New Guinea that the Indonesians made their recent charges about official Dutch relationships with Westerling.

Jessup in Jakarta

Mr. Philip C. Jessup, the U.S. Ambassador-at-large, arrived in Jakarta by plane tonight on his assignment to Asia. He expects to be in Indonesia for four or five days.

Mr. Jessup flew from French Indo-China, stopping for luncheon in Singapore. He will return to Singapore, then fly to Rangoon before the opening of the conference of U.S. Foreign Service officials next month in Bangkok. He is accompanied by Mr. Raymond E. Feick and Dr. Everett Case, State Department consultants in the development of a new American policy in the Orient.

Mr. Jessup is best known in Indonesia for his sharp denunciations before the United Nations Security Council a year ago of Dutch military action against the Indonesian Republic.

Sudirman dead

Lieutenant-General Sudirman, Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Armed Forces, died today, according to Radio Jakarta.

General Sudirman died, according to the Radio, at Magelang, in Central Java, North West of Jakarta. He had been ill for some time. He rose to command his country's armed forces from being an obscure teacher and fought continuously against the Dutch during the past four years.

During the military action in December, 1948, he escaped into the hills beyond Jogjakarta, the

China a problem for the Russians

London, January 29.—The weekly publication "Time and Tide" says Russia may find it much harder to isolate China from Western contacts than were the satellite countries in Eastern Europe.

"Vast China is a very different proposition from the small satellite states in Eastern Europe," said the newspaper.

"Mao Tse-tung, although at the moment a devout Stalinist, is nevertheless Chinese." The publication said the satellite embassies and legations in London, Washington and Paris have become increasingly unreliable as observation posts for Russia. That is why, said "Time and Tide," Russia intends to rid the satellites of all Western contacts.—Associated Press.

"SAMSON" AFRAID OF WOMAN

Sunderland, January 29.—A stage strong man called "Samson" declared in court in Sunderland that he is afraid of a woman.

The woman is Violet Hanson, a petite 28-year-old bus conductor who is 5 ft 4 inches and weighs 120 lbs.

"No man," said Samson solemnly, "is a match for a woman however strong he may be."

Samson—Stephen Bedford in private life—had Hanson arrested for "threatening to shoot my eyes out."

He said the argument began when he tried to pass through the front door of their apartment building just as she was trying to come in.

On the stage Samson lets two teams of nine men play tug of war with a rope looped around his neck and has a truck run over planks laid across his powerful chest.

"And you are afraid of this woman?" asked the judge incredulously.

"Yes, I am," said Samson. Hanson pleaded not guilty to breaking the peace. The case was dismissed.—Associated Press.

GERMAN APPEAL FOR CAPITAL

Wiesbaden, January 29.—Dr. Franz Bluecher, the West German Vice-Chancellor, repeated here today his appeal for foreign capital to enable West German industry to start large-scale production in the spring.

Addressing a meeting of his Free Democratic Party, he said that Germany needs much capital but she is unable to raise it herself. He announced a German monetary and banking reorganization which should help the German economy to solve the problem of unemployment.

Dr. Bluecher said the stability of the Deutschmark one and a half years after the currency reform is proof of an able economic policy and of the self-discipline of the German people.

"But Germany has also to recognize that no economic improvement would have been possible without Marshall Aid," he added.—Reuter.

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DEATHS

BARROS—JOAO CINZA, at St.
Rafael Hospital, Macao on
Monday, January 30, 1950.

LISTER—Joyce, wife of G. S. M.
Lister and daughter of Mr.
& Mrs. A. C. Henning of
Peking, on 28th January
1950. Service took place at
St. John's Cathedral on
Monday, 30th January, 1950.

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Mrs. E. Barclay and Campbell
have pleasure to thank their
many kind friends for letters
of sympathy, attendance at
funeral, and donations to the
Hong Kong Union Church
Rebuilding Fund.

THE INDUSTRIAL
SCENE

Some time must pass before
the Arbitration Board in the
Dairy Farm dispute can ren-
der its findings. It is a notable
gain that the principle of ar-
bitration has been accepted —
a gain for common-sense and
public interest, to which both
parties have made their con-
tribution. Professor Robert-
son should have the fullest
co-operation in his task, for
which he is well-equipped both
as an impartial public figure
and as a professional econo-
mist and political scient-
ist.

The Labour Unions are said
to have resented the manage-
ment's refusal of the Labour
Adviser, but judging by the
precedents with which we are
familiar he may well be re-
quired as an expert witness.
The Board will, of course,
have as its specific task the
arbitration of a single dispute.
But in the course of the hear-
ings, issues more or less com-
mon to all the existing dis-
putes will be touched upon. The
wider the terms of reference
are, within this principle, the
better. One of them, we ven-
ture to suggest, should be the
establishment of better ma-
chinery within each major in-
dustry so as to prevent delays
and deadlocks and enable both
parties to maintain continuous
contact.

It would also do much to
prevent the victimisation of
the workers for purely politi-
cal ends—a prospect that can-
not be overlooked, whether in
the light of the damage done
in the past, or in the fears of
the future. The Seamen's
strike a generation ago caused
great distress and ended in
scandalous racketeering,
which long outlasted the set-
tlement of the dispute.

Emergency powers are
available to deal with a gen-
eral strike or similar attempts
to hold the entire community
to ransom. They will no doubt
be used if that sort of crisis
ever comes. But more mod-
ern machinery within the
various industries them-
selves, coupled with wage-fixing
machinery at the top, should
be a positive contribution to
industrial peace. It is one
thing to have to fight an in-
dustrial war, with the public
as the main victim, and an-
other thing to prevent it by
wise measures beforehand.

As a potential rehearsal for
a general labour upheaval, the
present series of disputes
must have proved discourag-
ing. Whether the rash of de-
mands, with their singular
unanimity of three dollars a
day, was in fact part of a pre-
arranged scheme or a simple,
spontaneous spreading of the
epidemic, is a point best
known to the Labour Union
leaders themselves. But the
rhythm has been irregular.
Decisions to make demands
and even to deliver an ultima-
tum, were made and action
deferred.

Manifestly the movement is
not without brakes, which is

The great Debate—No. 2:

“NO, WE CANNOT PUT THE
CLOCK BACK”

By the Rt. Hon Emanuel
Shinwell, MP

Secretary of State for War

They can say what they
like about the Labour Gov-
ernment, but it has pulled
the country out of the mess
caused by the war; it has up-
held the principles of de-
mocracy and safeguarded
Britain's position throughout
the world.

Britain's moral leadership is as
strong today as it was at the
end of the war, and nobody
can say that British democracy,
in which we take so much pride,
has been impaired.

Now let us examine the Tory
case. I am unable to examine the
Tories' policy, because they
haven't got a positive one. All
that they have is a negative case
against the Labour Government.
Well, what is it? First of all,
they argue that Socialism has
failed. But everybody knows that
80 per cent of industry in Britain
remains in private hands, so that
it can hardly be said that So-
cialism has had a chance. And
if it has not had a chance it ob-
viously cannot have failed.

Now what about the rest of
industry, the 20 per cent? National-
isation of coal was inevitable.
Even a large and influential sec-
tion of the Tory Party recognised
that sooner or later the mining
industry must be transferred
from private hands to the State.
As for electricity and gas,
which have now been national-
ised, most of it was already
vested in the local authorities.

Now the question is whether
these industries pay. First of all
I must point out that it may be
necessary to transfer an industry
or a service to the State whether
it pays or not. The Army, Navy,
and Air Force are controlled by
the State but there is no
question of profit-making.

Nevertheless the mining in-
dustry under nationalisation is
already showing signs of paying
its way. If I am told that that is
because the price of coal is high
I point out that one of the
reasons why certain privately
owned industries pay is because
they charge high prices.

There is not the least doubt
that electricity, under national-
isation, will pay, and the same ap-
plies to gas.
Now what about transport? We
have nationalised the railways.
They never were regarded as a
paying proposition for the share-
holders. Indeed the share-
holders have more security now
than they had before. But na-
tionalised transport has not had
a fair chance. Surely all reason-
able people will agree that we
must give this nationalised ser-
vice the opportunity of re-
organising itself, of cutting out a
lot of dead wood, and developing
along modern lines.

all to the good. If they can be
strengthened, and moderation
encouraged, so much the bet-
ter for all concerned, and for
the future. The majority of
the unions have been content
to lodge their demands, and
for the present to leave it at
that. Nobody can fairly object
to the various forms in which
moral solidarity has been
shown, except where demon-
strations were designed to
exercise intimidation or—as in
the dancing of the curious
Communist importation of the
“Yang Ko”—took other
forms that many consider
indeed savour of cocking a
Communist snook at authori-
ty, and we are informed it
was actually banned during the
demonstration on Satur-
day night, when the demon-
strators had to be satisfied
with singing. Nor do the large
figures cited by Union infor-
mants agree with those of the
police authorities.

On the whole, however,
there has been little serious
disorder. There would have
been little less trouble but for
the decision of the conductors
to run the trams and collect
no fares. In this they proved
to be too clever by half, and
the result has been a month
of extreme inconvenience—to
put it no higher—for the
many thousands who ordinari-
ly depend on the trams. The
rather puerile gesture has not
prevented actual victimisation
of the public, nor a proper as-
sessment of where the res-
ponsibility lies.

Fortunately, this error of
tactics seems to be appreci-
ated, for the tram workers are
now asking for mediation, as
a first step, not in the dispute
itself but in the restoration of
the service. In this direction
the Chinese Chamber of Com-
merce might well act as me-
diator to some purpose, now
that one of the disputes is
being submitted to arbitra-
tion.

So far the Tory argument that
Socialism has failed has not a
leg to stand on. It is just rank
politics.

Now what about other aspects
of Socialism? Certainly we have
made an attempt to redistribute
the wealth of the country, to put
more money into the pockets of
the poorer section of the com-
munity.

But it does not follow that we
have to pull people down in
order to lift others up. There are
two ways of raising the standard
of living. One is maximum pro-
duction, using the national re-
sources adequately, promoting
the greatest efficiency in industry,
modernising our equipment, and
cutting out obsolescence. But
when this is achieved surely the
workers are entitled to share in
the benefits.

The second method is to redi-
tribute the wealth of the coun-
try. But it does not follow that
the best way to attain this is by
constantly raising wages to
higher levels. It is necessary to
do something in this direction.
But the best way of achieving
higher standards of living and
redistribution of wealth is to ex-
tend the social services.

What about the future of na-
tionalisation? Our nationalisation
proposals on industrial assurance,
on sugar, and cement are not
only fundamental. These are
not key industries or services,
but cement and sugar are mono-
polies. Surely the State has the
right to step in and take control
of an industry which is indis-
pensable to good living, whether
in relation to the building trade
or household needs, and to run
the industry in the interests of
the people.

As regards industrial assurance
this proposal was, to the best of
my recollection, first advocated
by Sir Arnold Wilson, a well-
known Tory MP now deceased.
It was also put forward by Lord
Beveridge. Therefore, there is
nothing in this that the Tories
need get excited about.

There is another argument that
the Tories use against us. They
say, “Oh, you boast about full
employment. And why not? But
they argue, “If it were not for
Marshall Aid there would be vast
unemployment in the country.”
This is a strange argument, be-
cause Italy has Marshall Aid.
And since the end of the war it
has had 940,000,000 dollars.
Nevertheless, last year it had an
average of nearly 2,000,000 unem-
ployed.

Belgium has had 430,000,000
dollars, but the percentage of
unemployment last September in
that country was 11.4 of the in-
sured population. Contrast that
with the unemployment figures
in Britain.

Lastly, there are more than 4-
600,000 unemployed in the United
States, and that is the country
which provides the Marshall Aid,
where is the Tory argument now?

What would the Tories do if
they had power? They had a
great deal to say about the econ-
omy cuts. Would they economise
still further? If so, on what?
Would it be on defence? In fact,
their defence proposals, if they
cost a great deal more.

Would they economise on roof
subsidies? Mr. Eden has given
some indication that the Tories
would.
Now at the present time we are
enjoying lower prices in Britain
because of food subsidies. Let us
see one or two figures. In Britain

we pay 10d. a lb for margarine.
In France it is 2s. 1d., in Aus-
tria 4s. 6d., in Switzerland 2s.
10d., and in the United States
1s. 3d. Even in Denmark it is
1s. 11½d. Our bread is as cheap
as anywhere in Europe, and
much cheaper than in the United
States. The same applies to many
other commodities.

What would the women say
if, as a result of a cut in sub-
sidies, the cost of living rose by
20 per cent?

Would the Tories economise on
the social services? If so, where?
Would they economise on housing
subsidies?

The fact is that the Tories
have been talking simply in the
hope of creating prejudice against
the Government. But they have
no real intention of economising,
and they know very well that
they don't.

What about agriculture? Do
they suggest that Labour has not
done enough? The acreage of
land under cultivation in 1939
was 12,900,000. In 1949 it was
18,300,000. The income from
farming in 1939 was £260,000,000.
In 1949 it was £248,000,000.
What about the farm workers?
Their average minimum wage in
1939 was 35s. a week. In March
1949 it was 94s. a week.

Then we are told that the
Government is incompetent. Well,
that is just cheap. Anyhow, it
does not lie in the mouths of
some of the people sitting on the
Front Opposition Bench to talk
about incompetence. Just ex-
amine their record. I am prepared
to leave it at that.

No, whatever happens, we can-
not put the clock back. We can-
not arrest social progress, and the
question we have to consider at
the election is whether Labour
can do better than the Tories.
Well, the fact that the Tories
never wanted to do the things
that we have always wanted to
do, and the fact that now that
we have a chance we have made
a start, should convince every
elector that the Right Road for
Britain is to vote Labour.

Progress of the Election

By “WINDRUSH”

The “News Chronicle” has
published an interesting
Gallup poll of public opinion
about the parties and the
general election. The Gallup
polls have been regarded
sceptically in Britain ever
since the Truman election,
but, as has been argued be-
fore in this column, the mar-
gin of error in that election
was not near as wide as
popularly supposed.

The present poll is the first
since last November. It shows a
change in opinion which may be
decisive in the election.

The question put by the Gallup
poll both now and last Novem-
ber was, “If the election came
tomorrow, how you vote?”
In the recent poll, 92 per cent
of those who answered had made
up their mind how to vote.
Eight per cent were still un-
decided.

Those who had already decided
were grouped as follows:
Conservative 44 per cent, La-
bour 47½ per cent, Liberal 13
per cent, Communists and others
one and half per cent.

Compare these figures with
those of last November. At that
time 14 per cent of voters were
still undecided about how to
vote. Those who had made up
their minds were grouped as fol-
lows:

Conservatives 48 per cent, La-
bour 38 per cent, Liberal 13 per
cent, Communist and others one
per cent.

Gap narrowed

Thus the gap between Labour
and the Tories has narrowed.
There had been rumours of this
for the past three or four weeks.
Ever since the lavish Christmas
and that announcement of the
improved gold reserve and pro-
duction figures, people have
sensed that the tide was again
flowing in Labour's favour. These
figures confirm it.

They suggest also that a high
proportion of those who had not
made up their minds how to
vote last November, and who
have since then decided what to
do, have in fact decided for La-
bour.

Eight per cent of the electorate
is still undecided. The “News
Chronicle” rightly says, “It is on
this remaining eight per cent
that all three parties may be ex-
pected to employ their powers
of persuasion to the nth degree.”
Certainly the parties are now
running neck and neck. A com-
paratively small swing in one
direction, or the other by this
vital undecided eight per cent
may easily decide the result.

Though almost certainly there
will not be a great gap between
the votes cast for Labour and
those cast for the Tories, this
does not mean that there will
necessarily be anything like a
dead heat in the House of
Commons. That, in fact, is
unlikely to occur. The “Econo-
mist” recently made a very in-
teresting analysis of how the
under the present electoral

system, a narrow lead in votes
is likely to be magnified—distort-
ed if you like—into a com-
fortable Parliamentary majority.

The “Economist” calculated as
a rough and ready rule that,
when parties are more or less
evenly balanced, one per cent
turn-over of votes may mean
that 15 or 20 seats change hands.
This is borne out by experience
in all recent elections. It might
thus happen that, if one party
gained 52 per cent of the votes
and the other 48 per cent, the
majority party would, in seats,
have a majority of about 70.

This would of course not
necessarily happen; but sur-
prising and perhaps unjust as it
would seem, would be likely to
happen. Under our electoral
system, the chances are against a
situation arising at Westminster
in which the parties could be
practically even. That happened,
under a different electoral system,
in the London County Council
elections last year, but is not
likely to happen in Parliament.

Other points

Here is a summary of other
election points which have in-
terested the public in the last few
days.

How are the farmers going to
vote? In the past the farming
vote has gone preponderantly
Conservative. But the farmers
have done well under the Labour
Government. Villages which had
hardly discovered socialism 10
years ago are feeling the impact
of its propaganda. If the light is
a very close one, a swing from
the Tories to Labour by some of
their former farming supporters
might quite easily decide the result.

Women are said to be at pre-
sent more opposed to Labour
than men. The recent Gallup poll
showed a 100 per cent majority
of women against the Govern-
ment among men, there was a
slight majority pro-Socialist.

The Tories will try to concen-
trate discussion on high prices.
They will raise nostalgia for the
past by reminding the electorate
what it paid for meals, suits,
transport, holidays in 1939.
Labour will counter by admitting
that things were cheap in 1939;
but nobody had any money with
which to buy them. Mr. Priestley,
in his formidable propaganda for
the Labour party, has been paint-
ing an especially vivid picture of
pre-war hardships. Probably nei-
ther picture is taken very seri-
ously by the public—neither the
Tory picture of a pre-war land
of ease and prosperity (unem-
ployment is glossed over) nor the
Socialist picture of a pre-war
land of hunger, disease, and
poverty.

The dislike which the Tory
press has been expressing for Mr.
Priestley, his books, his person-
ality, and his life as a landed
proprietor in the Isle of Wight
suggests that the Labour record
heavily from his broadcast in
their favour.

None of the slogans which the
parties have been offering to the
public in recent months and

years seems to have had much
success. Take the Tories and “a
property owning democracy.” It
seems that democracy does not
really want to own property. It
wants instead a high and quite
secure weekly wage.

“It works.” This is Labour's
slogan to prove that planning is
a success. But if the country is
on the whole well disposed to
Labour, it is not because of plan-
ning. Planning was the magic
word which bewitched the
electorate of 1945, sick of the
disasters of war and mass unem-
ployment which, it was said, had
come about because nobody had
controlled events. Since then,
planning has had its chance. The
public is sceptical about the
benefits.

“Jobs for the boys.” This is
the Tory gibe at the high-salaried
posts in the boards to control
nationalised undertakings. This
is regarded by most of the elec-
torate as ill-natured and ran-
corous. It has done the Tories
more harm than good.

The campaign has begun and
slogans are not likely to decide
the result. Most of the electorate
is serious and intelligent; they
want argument, not slogans. The
party which cheapens the cam-
paign will probably lose.



Chou En-lai taken to see tomb
of Lenin.
Just to indicate what can
happen if you got in Stalin's
way.

These two widows who attended
an American's funeral were
duplicating a grave offence.

“Berlin's baby blockade.”
Birth control seems almost
universal nowadays.

Local headlines writers again.
“Store stolen of cash.”
The owner is reported to be
increased of his anger.

What with one thing and
another, it appears that the
province is sinking fast.

“Connally urges U.S. make
H-bomb to preserve world
peace.”
Well, I don't know. My mind
and that of politicians seem to
work in totally different
directions.

In the swim.
Congratulating a girl who had
just swum the English Channel, a
Frenchman said, “Mlle. Smith,
that was a great feat you have
done.”
“A great feat, Monsieur,” she
corrected him.
“Ah, then you have swum the
Channel two times, Mademoiselle!”

When asked by one young man
why she went to all that trouble
powdering her face before going
out, Myrtle replied it was
modesty; she had no desire to
shine in public.

The two small girls had been
given parts in the school play.
After dinner they got into an
argument as to who had the more
important role.
Judy, aged 10, was very
superior. “Why, of course mine's
the biggest part,” she told
five-year-old Lucy. “Anybody'll
tell you it's much harder to be
a virgin than an angel.”

No, Myrtle, celibacy is not the
crime a priest commits when he
marries.

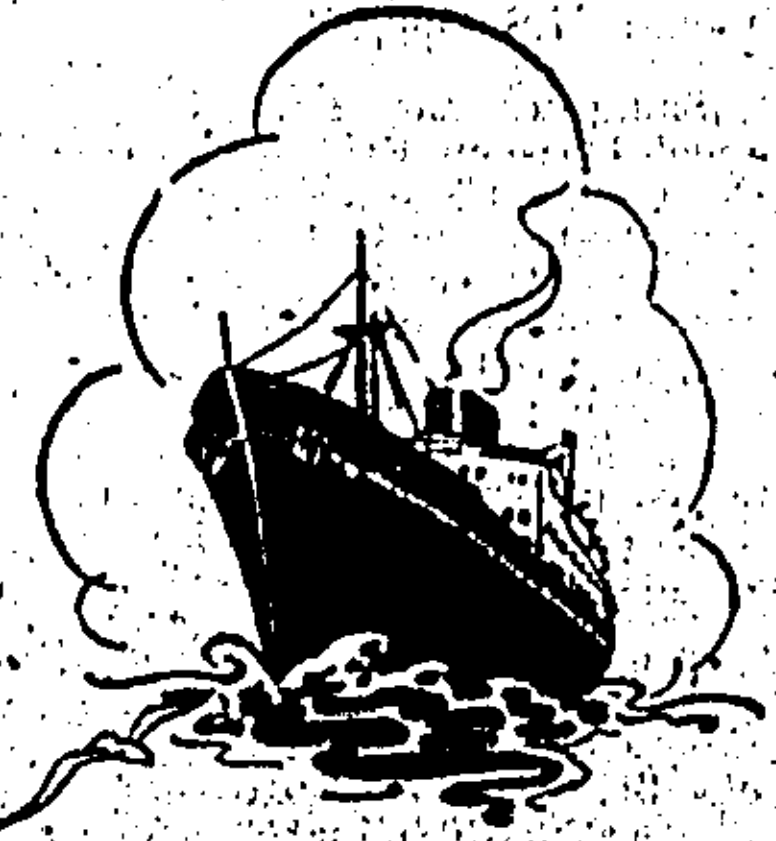
“Well, dear, how is married
life?”
“Lovely, but what do you
think? My husband really does
stutter, and I always thought it
was emotion.”



“Darrel—now the Govern-
ment's decided to go to the
country we want to look our
best, hasn't it?”

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"Suicidal for America to cease development"

Washington, January 29.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Atomic Energy Committee, in a speech yesterday, said:

"The United States should arm itself with the hydrogen bomb. The security of the nation and our people require that we provide our armed services with the best possible weapons.

"We must remain strong. We want to preserve the peace of the world and the hydrogen bomb will serve that cause just as the atomic bomb had done since it ended the war and gave us peace."

U.S. MUST BUY MORE UK GOODS

New York, January 29.

The chief of British exports, Sir Cecil Weir, has driven home to Americans that, for their own good, they must assist in closing Britain's dollar gap by buying British goods.

Before leaving for Canada, at the close of his American tour, Sir Cecil surveyed the prospects of speeding up Britain's dollar drive.

"I have been trying to get it into the minds of our many powerful friends here that a two-way trade is vital to American farmers, cotton-growers and tobacco-growers," he said.

"These and others don't like the British lack of dollars. They realise that the more success we have in our dollar drive, the better chance they will have to sell their products."

Sir Cecil said he had seen a large number of leading Americans in the Government, Marshall Aid, and financial and business circles.

Everywhere, he had found recognition that any success Britain might have would help not only Britain, but also the United States.

There was more than philanthropy and help to war allies behind Marshall Aid.

There was more than the political plan to restore war-damaged West European economies and eliminate discontent and poverty which would fertilise Communist efforts to obtain power.

There was the hard-headed business plan to sell American primary produce in world markets and eventually regain her markets for secondary products. —Reuter.

Another jewel robbery in NY

New York, January 29.

Mrs. Maxine Sanson reported to the police early today that she had been robbed of jewels and other valuables worth U.S.\$500,000.

She said she was in her apartment between Fifth and Madison Avenues early on Saturday evening to visit the Criterion Theatre and discovered the robbery when she returned and discovered the empty jewel box on a chair in the living room when she entered the apartment. She rushed to the hall closet where she found 12 empty boxes that had contained articles of great value.

The first reports said the stolen jewels were worth US\$1,000,000 but the police said after preliminary investigation "you can cut that estimate in half."

The robbery closely paralleled that of Billy Rose, Broadway producer, whose Beekman Place apartment was robbed of US\$25,000 in jewels last Thursday while he was attending a movie premiere. —United Press.



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MAQUIS BEHIND CURTAIN

New York, January 29.

The former United States Ambassador to Moscow, Lieutenant-General Walter Bedell Smith, said today that a fairly well organized underground in Russia proved that the Communists have not swept away all the vestiges of opposition behind the Iron Curtain.

He was speaking at an anti-Communist conference sponsored by the American Legion, which began yesterday.

General Smith, who also stated that the Communist Party in the United States received direct orders from Moscow, said: "There is a strong Maquis movement in Lithuania due to the collectivization of agriculture."

Other anti-Soviet centres of opposition had developed in Latvia and the Ukraine, though Soviet police action had largely eliminated the Ukrainian group.

General Smith added that the underground organization made it possible for anti-Communists to cross through Soviet territory, moving from one group to another.

There is a constant and direct chain of command from the Kremlin to Communist parties in other countries, General Smith said.

"More than 200,000,000 Russians are ruled by a single political party which has less than 6,000,000 members. This regime is cemented by secret police and nailed in place by bayonets."

Asked whether the Soviet Union directed the Communist Party in the United States, General Smith replied: "The evidence is profound and conclusive that that is the case. We also see examples of it in Czechoslovakia and Poland."

"There is direct dictation and direct advice, and the evidence on that is indisputable." —Reuter.

Marooned scientists near rescue

On Board the John Biscoe,

Port Lockroy, January 29.

Eleven British scientists marooned on Stonington Island, in the Antarctic, today saw the ice masses which held them captive for over two years breaking up as rescuers were moving in by ship and plane to take them out.

Dr. V. E. Fuchs, a Cambridge scientist and the leader of the trapped survey party, reported that an ice-free pool, estimated to measure about two square miles, had formed, not far from the base.

Other members of the group joyfully announced that they had discovered a big crack in the ice while the sea while huge icebergs were beginning to move in the pack of ice about 12 miles from the base.

News of this favourable development came as the John Biscoe, the 1,200-ton Antarctic supply ship, was leaving there for the first jumping off point in the rescue bid—the Argentine Islands off Central Grahamland.

Members of the expedition on board the Biscoe believed it to be likely that the ice in the Stonington area, judging by reports from there, was breaking up, but they were reluctant to jump to any conclusions on conditions elsewhere until a reconnaissance can be carried out from the air. —Reuter.

SHIP ASHORE IN CHANNEL

Guernsey, January 29.

The Guernsey lifeboat reported by radio that all of the 50 members of the crew of the Turkish ship Edirne, which went aground off the island of Burhou today, have been rescued.

The vessel, registered at Istanbul, was bound for Denmark from Tekirdag, Turkey. —Associated Press.

DE GAULLE ON RED PLAGUE

Dijon, January 29.

General Charles de Gaulle told regional group leaders of his French People's Rally here today that France must be healed of the "plague of Communism."

"It is only after that process that we could crush those who still persisted in taking orders from abroad," he said.

"We want to rebuild France's prosperity by far-reaching social reforms not for the benefit of a few people but for all Frenchmen. The party regime is coming to an end. Sooner or later the French people will have their way. Then, enlightened by events and by the Rally, they will voice their viewpoint from one end of France to the other." —Reuter.

PLOT FOILED BY GREEK ARMY

Athens, January 29.

The Greek Army has foiled a Communist plan to reorganise a rebellion in urban areas, the newspaper, "Nea Hellas" reported here. According to the report, the Central Committee of the Communist Party decided last November to instruct scattered Communist bands to "contact the towns and Press on a reorganization of the rebellion."

The National Army crushed the failure of these plans throughout the greater part of the country, the report added.

In the last quarter of 1949, 703 guerrillas were killed, 1,051 were captured and 1,240 surrendered during "mopping up" operations, the paper said. —Reuter.

MASSACRE DANGER IN INDO-CHINA

Paris, January 29.

M. Paul Coste-Floret, former Minister of Colonies, said tonight that if France opened talks with Ho Chi-minh, leader of the French Indo-China autonomists, and evacuated her troops, all Frenchmen in Indo-China and the Indo-Chinese supporting Bao Dai would be massacred.

Addressing the Executive of the Popular Republican Movement, of which he is a member, M. Coste-Floret added: "There would also be serious difficulties in the international field." —Reuter.

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War supplies being shipped to Taiwan

Taipei, January 29.

British ships are bringing war supplies to Taiwan. These include large quantities of barbed wire and aviation petrol, but, as far as can be ascertained, no arms or ammunition.

The barbed wire is being brought from Japan on the proceeds of Taiwan's exports of sugar to that country.

Already barbed wire defences have been erected along likely invasion landing sites.

The Nationalists are also buying much-needed commodities from the Communists in North China, but this trade is limited as the Russians are reported to be taking up approximately 60 per cent of the output.

Edible oils and soy bean cakes, which are used for cattle fodder and fertilizer, are reaching this island from Red China by way of Hong Kong. —Reuter.

Consequences of Winston speech worry Tories

London, January 29.

In Parliamentary quarters today there is much speculation about the possible consequences of the speech by the Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, in his own Woodford (Essex) constituency last night.

Mr. Churchill, abandoning the caution and moderation which characterised his broadcast to the nation a week ago attacked "the sorry and wanton machinations" of the Liberals.

He fell upon the Socialists with even greater force, professing to see a "hidden plot" in their election manifesto.

A section of British political thought—some of it favourable to Mr. Churchill and the Conservatives—considers that in 1945 the wartime leader alienated a section of the electorate by his attack on the Socialists at the start of the election campaign.

Today they are again asking whether or not Mr. Churchill, by his forthright assault on the two political adversaries of the Conservatives, might not tend to estrange the sympathy of the Middle class "floaters."

The coveted political floating vote is believed to be largely Liberal in instinct, even if it considers the Liberal Party's bid for revival to be a lost cause.

The Liberals have refused to enter into an anti-Socialist pact with the Conservatives.

Liberal's reply

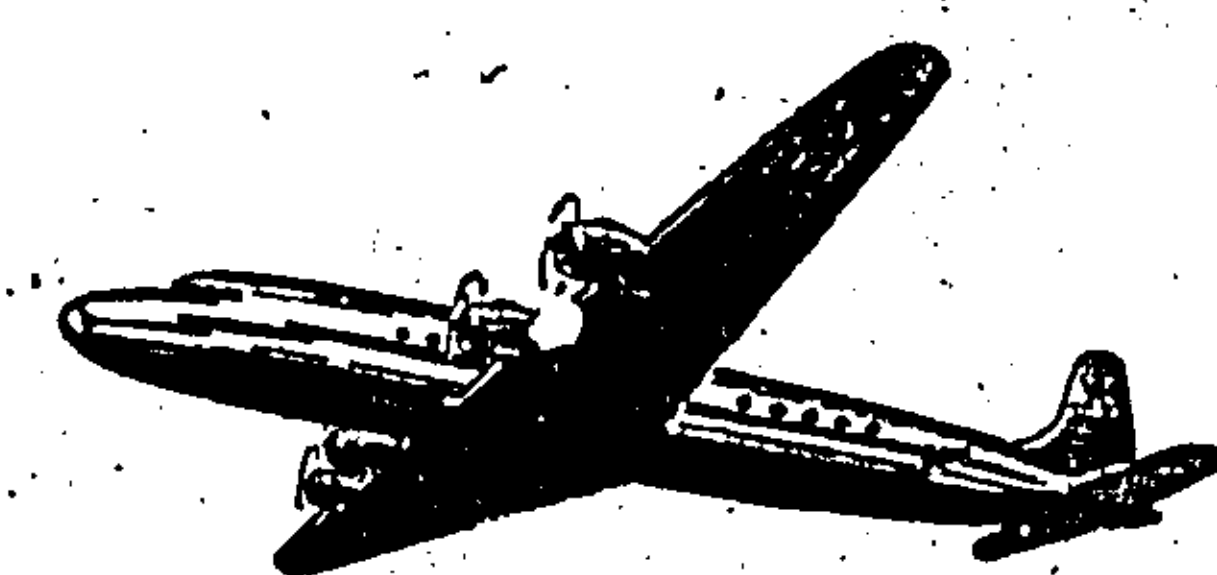
But the Conservative Party is clearly hopeful that a considerable proportion of the Liberal-minded section of the electorate—preferring right-wing left-wing Government will vote Tory in the belief that their own "middle party" cannot win.

Mr. Churchill alleges that a small group of left wing Liberals are now planning to run 400 candidates in the hope "that by splitting the vote they may frustrate the will of the majority of the nation."

The effect of this stricture on the main Liberal Party and its adherents has still to be seen.

Mr. Dingle Foot, former Liberal Minister in the wartime Coalition Government, today answered Mr. Churchill's recent charge that Liberal candidates were splitting the anti-Socialist vote in the forthcoming General Elections.

Mr. Churchill stated that the Liberal Party splitting its votes may frustrate the will of the majority of the nation, Mr. Foot said.



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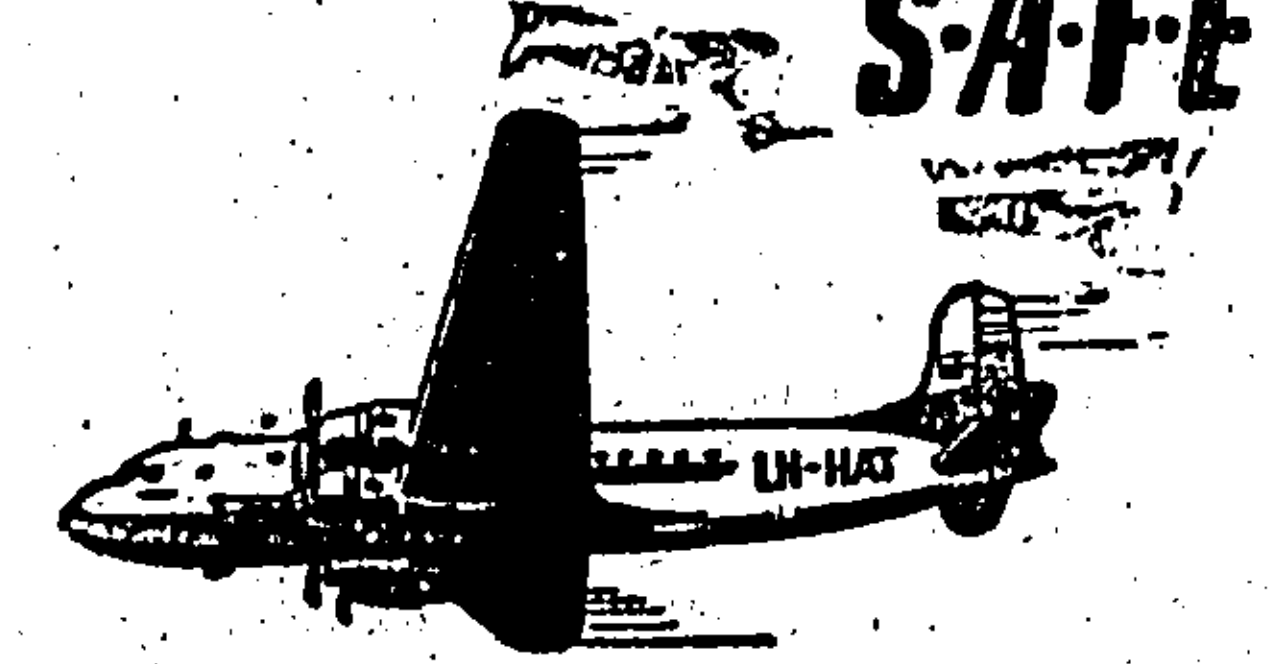
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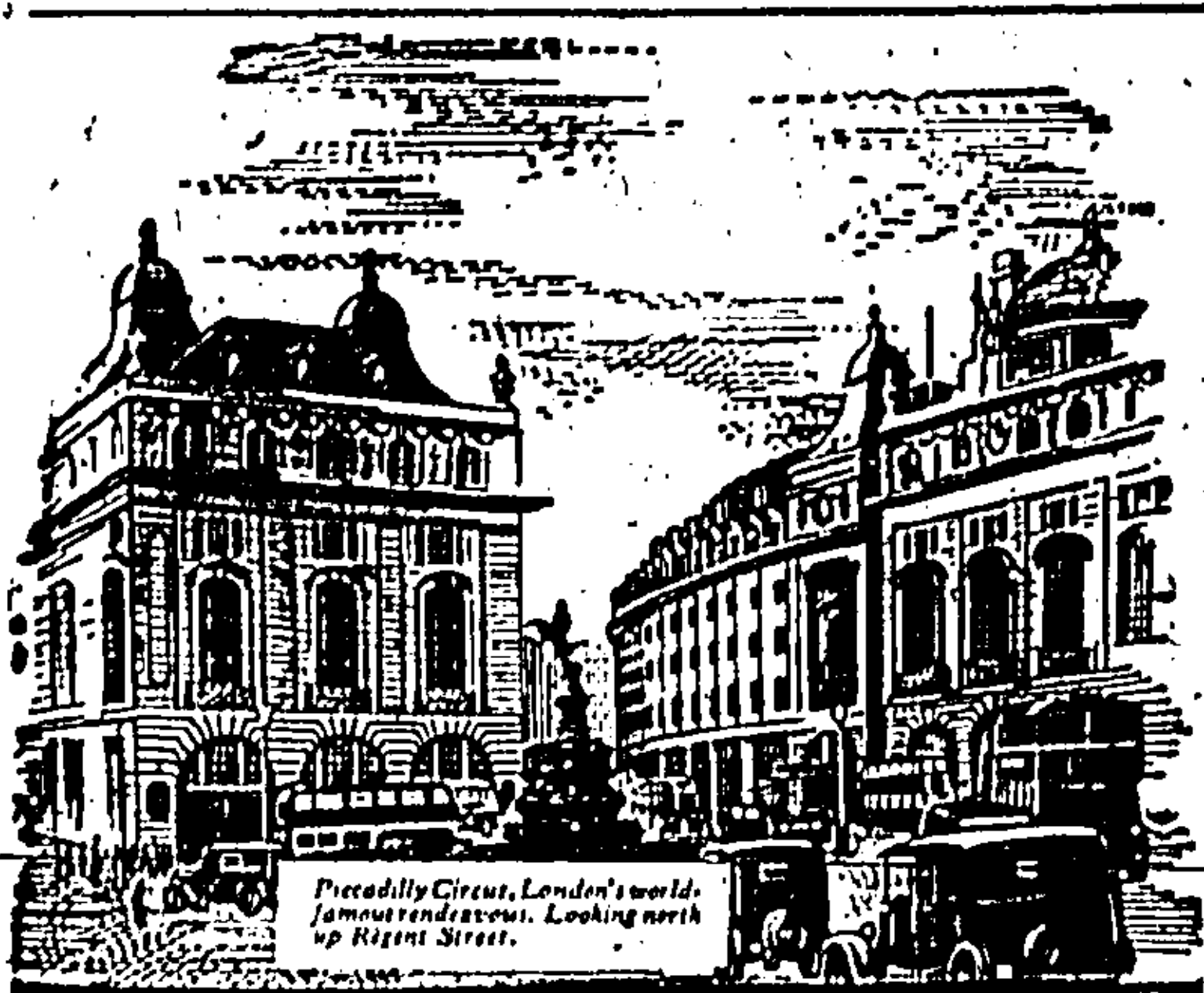
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Bergman's husband to file suit for divorce in U.S.

Hollywood, January 29.

Dr. Peter Lindstrom announced today that he will file a suit in California to divorce Miss Ingrid Bergman after he received "third-handed information" which clarified reports of her pregnancy. He would not say whether the information revealed that she was or was not pregnant but did announce he would not fight her "quickie" divorce action in Mexico nor appear at the proceedings.

In a statement issued through his spokesman, John Vernon, the surgeon said he would go ahead with plans to get a California divorce and it would be filed as soon as agreement is reached on property settlement and custody of the child. The statement read by Mr. Vernon said, "Dr. Lindstrom wishes to abide by the laws of his adopted country and therefore he has no intention of appearing in Mexico proceedings, but will leave all issues to the California court. To this end he has just engaged a local firm of attorneys, Shepherd and Shepherd, to work in association with his New York attorney, Lawrence E. Brinn."

Mr. Vernon confirmed that the statement implied that Dr. Lindstrom will file for a divorce in California against the film star. Miss Bergman, now in Rome, had her attorneys file for a Mexican divorce in Juarez on Wednesday, charging her husband with cruelty on the grounds that he overworked her. She said she hoped to gain a Mexican divorce by the middle of February so she could marry the Italian film director, Roberto Rossellini.

In Rome, Rossellini refused to tell newsmen last week whether Miss Bergman was expecting a child within a short time. Touching on that point, Mr. Vernon's statement said there had been rumours in December "that there was a certain reason" to hasten the divorce. He said, "The doctor and his lawyer then repeatedly tried to learn the truth of the matter. It was not until just a week ago that third-handed information seemed to clarify this question."

Misleading stories

Mr. Vernon refused to state what this information was. Mr. Vernon said he wanted to correct some of the misleading stories that implied that Miss Bergman was forced to file the Mexican action "because the doctor has been making unreasonable demands and thereby prevented a divorce in a jurisdiction court."

Mr. Vernon said, "Contrary to impressions from recent reports from Mexico, Miss Bergman's attorneys have figures submitted by me some time ago which not only show Dr. Lindstrom's financial assets but also set forth the appropriate earnings and expenses, and a large proportion of their earnings has been dispersed for taxes and for expensive rebuilding of their house which was started just before Miss Bergman left for Italy nearly a year ago."

Mr. Vernon reviewed the negotiations between Dr. Lindstrom and his wife. He said Dr. Lindstrom went to Italy in May, 1949 when it was agreed that they would meet outside of Italy to discuss their personal problems. But, he said, two months later, while Dr. Lindstrom remained in Europe, Miss Bergman sent word through a London solicitor that she had reconsidered and would not be available for any further conference.

Mr. Vernon said Dr. Lindstrom then returned to America to their 11-year-old daughter Pia.

Custody of daughter

He said that on August 5 through newsmen, Dr. Lindstrom learned that the actress had started legal proceedings and might come to New York. Again nothing happened except that "spokesmen for Miss Bergman engaged in a public campaign of accusations against her husband."

He said Dr. Lindstrom declined to enter the controversy and waited for a meeting with his wife to reach an understanding of principal issues and particularly the issue of their daughter. It was not until December 13 that Miss Bergman's attorney first approached Dr. Lindstrom's counsel "and not until several days later was the proposal for settlement ever submitted."

Mr. Vernon said, "As to the custody of the daughter, the matter is being worked out to the child's best interest and it is felt it will not be an obstacle to their agreement."—United Press.

SHIP LIMPS INTO MALTA

Valetta, January 29.

Aided by tugs, the 9,032-ton British ship, Madura, limped into Grand Harbour today to repair a slight mechanical damage and also to land a suspected appendicitis case. The sick passenger, Miss Priscilla Bedford, was returning to East Africa after a holiday in England. The Madura is owned by the British-India Steam Navigation Company, Limited, and is registered at Glasgow.—Reuter.

British recognition of Bao Dai

London, January 29.
Britain is expected to grant de facto recognition to the Vietnam Government of ex-Empress Bao Dai next week, and after the return to London of Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Bevin, according to the latest information, is due back in London next Friday. A Foreign Office spokesman tonight declined to make any comment on British intentions and it is clear that a final decision must await the Foreign Secretary's return. It is expected that British recognition will follow promptly on his arrival in London since the French Assembly has now ratified the agreement of March, 1949, between France and ex-Empress Bao Dai by which the powers of Government were transferred to him.—Reuter.

ERITREAN TERROR MOVEMENT

Asmara, January 29.

The shootings, lootings and bomb-throwings in Eritrea do not mean war between the Eritreans and Italians, but between Unionist and Independent factions, according to neutral observers in Asmara today.

The terrorist activities in Eritrea, they say, have created a wrong impression abroad that there is fighting between Italian settlers and Eritrean natives.

The victims of terrorism, they point out, included not only Italians, but other Eritreans as well.

Abdel-Kader Mohamed Saleh Kober, an Eritrean Moslem leader who opposed the union of Eritrea with Ethiopia, was shot in the street in March, 1949.

Hand grenades were thrown at or into the houses of other Eritrean anti-union leaders.

Another fact against the idea of a war between two peoples in Eritrea is that so far it has been entirely a one-sided conflict: only the unionist natives attacking the Italians and independentists, and never the reverse.

The only occasions in which natives were killed by Italians were when the latter were acting in self-defence, such as the case of the Italian farmer who shot dead three men out of a band of 10 armed natives who had raided his isolated farm.

Observers conclude that it is more accurate to speak of a campaign of terrorism launched by unionist elements against the Italians, rather than of real fighting between two opposed peoples.

The reaction of the non-unionist Eritreans—now all united in the Independence Front—and of the Italians has so far been confined to protests to the local administration and to the United Nations.

The point of view of the independentists and the Italians is that the wave of terrorism, although originating from the local Unionist Party, is largely the work of Ethiopian elements who have infiltrated into Eritrea for this purpose.

The Independence Front demands that the Administration should intervene with more determination so as to restore and maintain order and security.—United Press.

New Moscow Underground



Soviet leaders in Moscow are proud of at least one Underground system—it's the new extension to the city's Underground rail network. The new rail web is praised as one of the world's most modern and efficient, outshining the Underground systems of London and New York. Photo shows interior of the new Taganskaja Station, one of the many on the extension project. (Associated Press Photo).

UN GOING AHEAD ON NEW STATUTE FOR JERUSALEM

Geneva, January 29.

The United Nations Trusteeship Council tomorrow will begin its task drawing up a statute to internationalise Jerusalem despite an announcement by both Israel and Jordan that they will ignore it.

The Council will act under instructions from the last General Assembly, which voted to place the entire holy city under UN administration.

Delegates will probably work without Russia, which voted for the Assembly resolution but has boycotted the Council's sixth session here.

The Council will first consider a proposal by the chairman, Roger Garreau of France, which aims at satisfying both Israel and Jordan and at the same time remain within the spirit of the Assembly resolution.

M. Garreau's project limits internationalisation to holy places and areas of access to them. Observers believe that if some such proposal were accepted by the Council, Israel and Jordan, it might have a chance of approval by the General Assembly.

If the Council fails, it is expected that a special session of the General Assembly will be called in the spring to deal with the matter. The United Nations has no way of enforcing its decision.

After hearing M. Garreau's proposal, the Council is expected to approve a resolution inviting Israel and Jordan to send delegates for consultation. Religious groups may also be asked to send representatives.

General plan

In order to allow them time to get here, the Council will probably suspend its discussion on Jerusalem until the end of the week.

While details of M. Garreau's project are a closely-guarded secret, it was believed to award sovereignty over the New City to the Jews and over the Old City to the Arabs.

The plan is believed to be general in outline, owing to the difficulty of drawing partition lines in the Arab Old City, many parts of which do not have streets.

Observers speculate whether Australia, which sponsored the Assembly resolution, will before its elections, may be willing to go along with the proposal on M. Garreau's lines now that there has been a change of Government.

UN warning to press in Middle East

Jerusalem, January 29.

Middle East war propagandists were warned today "Armistice agreements are now in force between Israel and the Arab states indefinitely and anyone trying to abrogate them will expose himself to armistice enforcement action by the United Nations."

The warning came from Hamilton Fisher, UN press officer in Jerusalem, who at today's meeting with reporters in the Israel-administered section of the city said he was referring to various newspaper reports from several Middle East countries which assumed that all armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab states would expire after a year.

Mr. Fisher stressed "The armistices cannot be called off by anyone under any circumstances. The only way an armistice agreement could expire legally is the conclusion of peace."

He added, however, that details of any change of procedure, demarcation lines, etc., could be negotiated at conferences under the auspices of the United Nations provided no direct agreement was reached between the Governments concerned. No party had indicated up to now a desire for such a supplementary armistice conference.

Mr. Fisher expressed his view that the situation now is more hopeful for peace talks between Israel and the Arab states than last year, but was not in a position to confirm or deny reports of direct negotiations between Israel and Trans-Jordan.

He stated that the Palestine Conciliation Commission, which is now resuming work in Geneva, has been trying from the very beginning to encourage direct peace negotiations between the armistice partners and it is in his favour of it.—Associated Press.

Shipment of U.S. arms to Europe

Washington, January 30.

One thousand million dollars worth of guns, tanks, arms and ammunition began moving to American ports today for shipment to Atlantic Pact nations.

The Pact quickened to life yesterday when President Truman approved a secret master defence plan and seven European nations signed agreement with the United States freeing the arms for their defence. (See page 14).

United States officials said that the first shipments of arms which will leave America for Europe as fast as they can be loaded, in ships—would be on their way by March 1. They said that detailed lists of the weapons for each of the nations—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Norway and Denmark—had been drawn up but for security reasons they refused to disclose them.

Italy will also get arms, but her agreement was contained in an exchange of notes not needing signature.

Official sources in Paris said that France would get the lion's share of aid under the programme—probably more than \$500,000,000 worth. Britain expects to get first deliveries of the 70 B-29 Superfortresses for the Royal Air Force in about two months.—Reuter.

FRENCH STRIKE

Paris, January 29.

Motor car workers belonging to the Communist-dominated CGT (Confederation General du Travail) will strike on February 9 for higher wages, a national conference decided today.

The conference also authorized the Union to call on all car workers to start a prolonged strike after a democratic vote had been taken if employers refused to accept their demands.

Gas and electricity workers belonging to the Christian Trade Union authorized their Executive tonight to call a strike if their demands for higher wages were not successful.—Reuter.

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ASIA EXPORTS TO U.S. SHOW BIG INCREASE

Washington, January 29. Asiatic countries shipped US\$108,400,000 worth of merchandise to the United States during November, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce reported.

This is about US\$6,000,000 more than the goods shipped during October and a sharp increase over the US\$87,100,000 worth sent here during November, 1948.

Siegfried Line a smugglers' paradise

Aachen, January 29. Germany's once menacing Siegfried line has become a haven for smugglers.

Nightly they slip through its battered tank traps and ghostly bunkers to carry coffee, across the Belgian border into Germany.

German customs police have had their lives made miserable by the tenacious and cunning smugglers who confine themselves almost exclusively to coffee—a luxury commodity for which Germans are willing to pay any price.

The customs police are using dogs to help them track down and capture the smugglers. The dogs are trained to stop a smuggler without harming him. They simply leap at his chest, knock him flat, then sit on guard while they bark for help.

Three-man patrols use one dog to an area about one mile wide and three miles deep along the border and they work in 24 shifts.

The smugglers carry knives or brass knuckles, and they have worked out several methods of distracting the police.

Most of the smugglers work for chiefs who stay comfortably in Belgium raking in profits estimated at about 15 shillings a pound on the roasted beans they send across the line. Nobody knows what the wage scale is for the runners.

NEW OUTRAGE IN MALAYA

Singapore, January 28. Communist terrorists ambushed a rubber estate lorry at Kota Tinggi, Johore State, killing six police and four labourers.

They set the lorry on fire and threw four of the bodies into the flames.

Three policemen and one labourer were wounded in the attack.

In Selangor State, insurgents carried off three Chinese from a tin mine, bound them and shot them dead.

The rebels stabbed the wife of a Chinese rubber tapper while her husband was forced to look on.

Police and Gurkha troops killed seven terrorists in various clashes. —Associated Press.

Communists accuse U.S. Vice-Consul

San Francisco, January 29. The American Vice-Consul in Sinkiang was accused by the Communists today of being a hardriding "spy" who tried to organize the bandits of the Sinkiang wilderness.

This latest in a long series of Red propaganda attacks on U.S. diplomats charged that Mr. Douglas S. MacKinnon "has been exposed as an espionage agent" by three White Russian confederates who surrendered to the Reds.

The broadcast from Peking by the official New China News Agency was heard in San Francisco by the Associated Press.

It alleged that Mr. MacKinnon had disappeared into India after a month-long series of horseback travels over hundreds of miles to assorted "bandit" lairs in the wild, back country.

The Communist story was of course, without confirmation.

When Consul J. H. Hall, Paxton was ordered to leave his post at Tihwa, Sinkiang, last August, he left Mr. MacKinnon in charge.

Since then, all American officials have been ordered by the State Department to leave Sinkiang.

In Washington, United States State Department officials deplored the Communist report as the usual fantastic yarn.

They said Mr. MacKinnon left his post at Tihwa as instructed, merely ahead of Communist forces.

The last report to the Department was that he was trying to leave China by a hazardous route over the Himalayas towards India. —Associated Press.

Asian purchases in the U.S. totalled US\$138,000,000.

British Malaya led all Asian countries in exports to the U.S. during November, shipping US\$18,600,000 compared with US\$15,500,000 during October.

The Philippines were second among the shippers to the U. S. for November with US\$15,000,000, compared with US\$17,000,000 for October, and a monthly average for 1948 of US\$10,000,000.

Japan was well down the list for November, being credited with US\$8,000,000 of exports for November to the U.S. compared with US\$6,300,000 for October and a monthly average during 1948 of US\$5,200,000.

Despite internal disorders, China shipped more than US\$13,000,000 worth of goods to the U.S. during the month, compared with US\$9,400,000 for October.

Indonesian exports to the U.S. totalled US\$10,600,000 in November compared with US\$12,100,000 in October.

India exports up

India, somewhat removed from the strictly Oriental trade, registered US\$21,300,000 in exports to the U.S., a gain over the US\$19,400,000 in October.

Siam's figures were US\$3,300,000 for both November and October—below the US\$4,400,000 average monthly exports to the U.S. in 1948.

Hong Kong exported US\$400,000 worth of goods to the U.S. compared with US\$300,000 in October.

Here are the amounts imported by the various Asiatic nations from the U.S.:

The November figures are first and October second: US\$31,000,000, Philippines, US\$32,200,000; US\$39,000,000, China, US\$700,000 (no October figures given); Hong Kong US\$10,400,000; US\$8,600,000, Indonesia, US\$4,200,000 (no October figures given); Siam, US\$3,300,000; US\$2,600,000, Associated Press.

ROYAL TWINS CHRISTENED

Copenhagen, January 29. The twins born last Wednesday to the Danish Countess Fleming of Rosenberg were christened yesterday at a Copenhagen clinic.

Present at the ceremony were Prince Fleming's parents, Prince Axel and Princess Margaretha, and his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kaj Nielsen, who saw the twins for the first time.

The children, who were baptised by the Catholic priest, Mikael Neidemand, received four names each, including the name of Fleming.

The larger was christened Axel and the smaller Birger. The other names were not revealed. —Associated Press.

Suspect arrested in jewel theft

Marseilles, January 29. The French police, probing the theft of £200,000 worth of jewellery from the Aga Khan and his Begum last August, made another arrest tonight.

Nice police, reporting that they held 28-year-old Urban Glaume on suspicion of complicity in the robbery said: "We found a small arsenal at his house, including Tommy-guns, rifles and revolvers."

Colonel Lindsay George Watson, 50-year-old French-born son of a Scotman, and five Frenchmen are held in Marseilles awaiting trial.

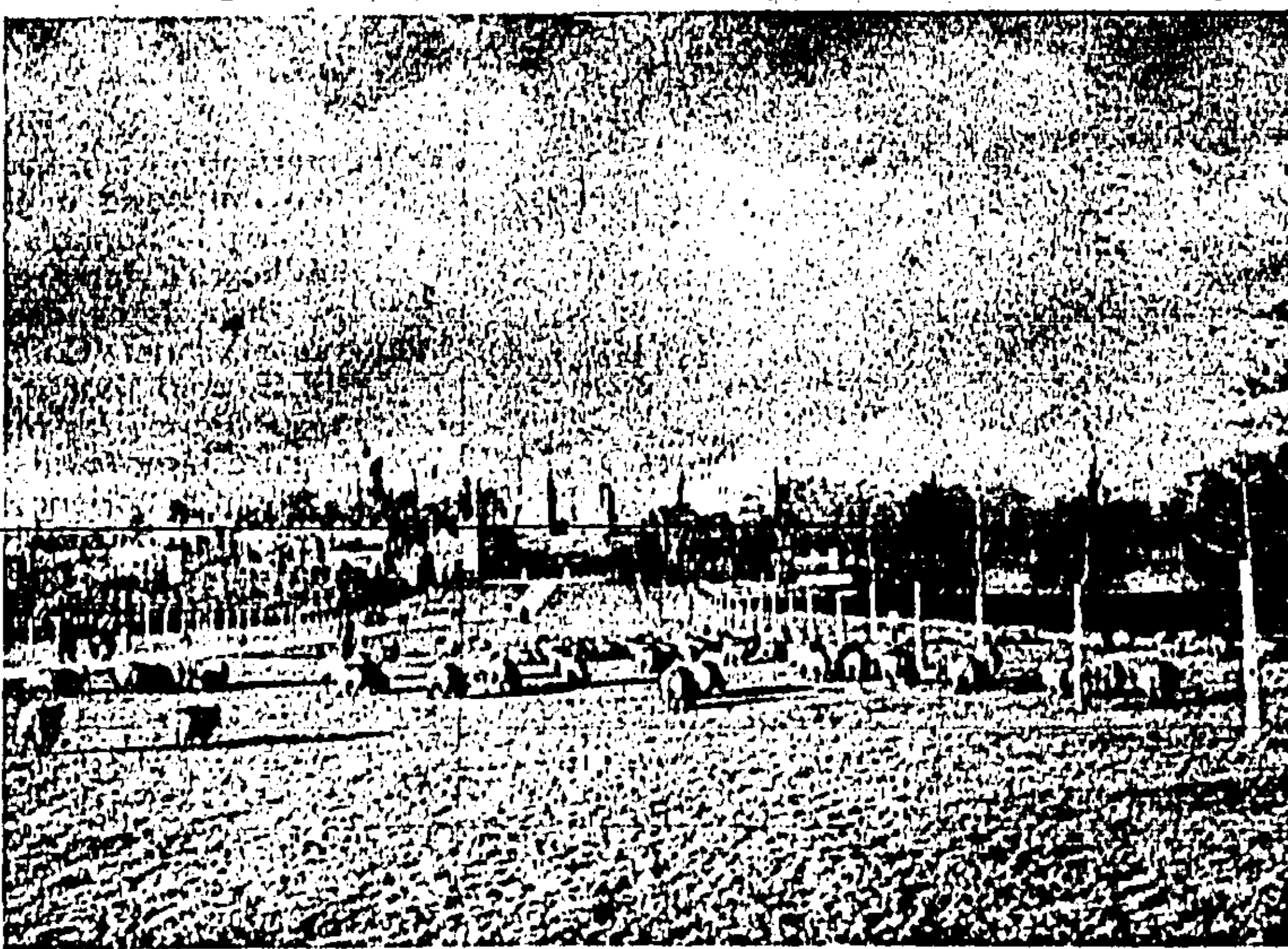
Only about half of the Begum Aga Khan's jewels were in the bundle dumped outside a police station here three nights ago, jewellers going over the retrieved treasures reported tonight.

They estimated the value of the recovered jewels to be about £200,000 francs.

The total theft amounted to £210,000 francs.

A Paris jeweller who sold most of the stolen jewellery to the Aga Khan and his wife arrived here yesterday to take part in the enquiry. —Reuters.

Sheep replace Windsor deer



King George VI has decided to continue farming at Windsor Castle. Farming was started there during World War Two. The King's decision means the dispersal of the herd of deer kept at Windsor for 300 years and their replacement by sheep. The building of Windsor was begun in A. D. 1272. (Associated Press Photo).

RUSSIANS TAKING OVER BULGARIA'S ENTIRE ECONOMY

Belgrade, January 29.

Soviet Russia is taking over Bulgarian economy lock, stock and barrel and deriving huge profits at the expense of her satellites, according to Press reports published here in Yugoslavia. Such information as is available from Western diplomatic sources tends to confirm the reports.

The Belgrade newspaper "Glas," organ of the Serbian People's Front, has alleged, for instance, that Bulgaria cannot act independently as regards foreign trade.

Some 30 per cent of her exports, the newspaper said, go to the Soviet Union and Russia does not allow Bulgaria to trade with other countries without her permission.

According to "Glas," the Bulgarians have made several attempts to escape the Kremlin's eagle eye in this matter, but so far without success. The paper cited three examples:

1. In October, 1948, it declared, Bulgaria bought two shiploads of timber from Rumania intending to re-sell them to Turkey. One of the ships got through to Istanbul unnoticed, but the other was stopped in the Black Sea by a Soviet naval patrol and ordered to return.

The reason given, according to "Glas," was that if Bulgaria wanted to re-sell timber she must sell it first to Russia who would then re-sell it for her.

Austrian pact

2. In January, 1949, Bulgaria signed a trade pact with Austria, agreeing to deliver mainly agricultural products. But, according to "Glas," the Russians, with Occupation troops in Austria, soon turned this into a kind of tripartite arrangement in which Bulgarian exports were to be used as food for the Red Army.

The Soviet Union, Bulgaria was told, would deliver her some articles in payment.

3. In a third instance, when Bulgarians began talks to renew their 1948 compensation agreement with Italy for another year, the Soviet leaders, according to "Glas," indicated that they would prefer to see the agreement cancelled altogether.

Meanwhile, the newspaper alleged, Bulgarian exports to Russia had to be of the best possible quality and in the exact quantities demanded, "regardless of the harm this did to Bulgarian economy or to other countries with whom Bulgarians had trade relations."

"The conclusion is very clear," it added, "Bulgarian economy is subordinated to the interests of the Soviet Union and this is also one of the chief causes for the present economic difficulties in Bulgaria."

The newspaper alleged that this subordination was also apparent in connection with the "technical aid" that Russia was supposed to give Bulgaria.

Idle but paid

Thus, at Iskar, near Sofia, a new motorcar was due to be built. The Russians agreed to supply the machines, material and engineers to help construct it.

According to "Glas," this help never materialised, however. "There were some Soviet engineers in Sofia for more than 15 days last August," it said, "but they did not do anything because the machinery never arrived."

Nevertheless, the Soviet engineers had to be paid at the agreed rate of 2,000 leva per hour—or 16,000 leva a day. "Glas," explained, was eight times

more than the salaries paid to Czech specialists in Bulgaria, who received between 2,000, and 3,000 leva a day and could not be compared at all with the meagre 250 to 300 leva a day which Bulgarian engineers received.

After citing other instances of the Russian hold over Bulgaria, "Glas" concluded by saying that there is only one way for Bulgaria to get out of her present economic difficulties, which "two-year and five-year plans" had done nothing to overcome.

"The Bulgarian leadership," it stated, "must start an independent policy which accords with the vital interests of Bulgaria without accepting the economic and political subjugation of the USSR." —Reuters.

Australian trials of war criminals

Tokyo, January 30. General MacArthur announced he had ordered the Japanese Government to arrest 43 Japanese suspect war criminals for transfer to Manus Island for trial by an Australian court.

The arrests will be in addition to 92 prisoners already held at Sugamo prison on behalf of the Australian Government.

General MacArthur said the arrests were "at the request of the Australian Government."

The suspects would be delivered to the commanding general of the 8th Army at Sugamo prison at the earliest possible date.

They would be turned over to the Australian authorities and trials were expected to begin before Australian tribunals at Manus Island within a month, said General MacArthur.

Great man-hunt

The Japanese Government received the order on January 27 and a great man-hunt is under way. There is one general among the wanted and he is supposed to be under surveillance in Tokyo.

Australian prosecutors of the war crimes section in Tokyo who prepared the cases against 155 alleged war criminals, who will stand trial, are prepared to fly to Australia and Manus Island within a week.

The naval captains, Yoshinori Ichikawa and Hirotsugu Nakamura of the second South Seas Expeditionary Fleet, based at Sourabaya, are also wanted. Other suspected criminals are wanted for crimes in Burma, Malaya, Indonesia, Timor, Borneo, Ambon and New Guinea. —Reuters.

AURIOLS VISIT TO LONDON

London, January 29. The French President and Madame Auriol will attend a gala performance by the Sadler's Wells Ballet Company at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on March 9, during their three-day State visit to London.

They are due to arrive in London March 7 as guests of the King and Queen, and details of the programme of their visit have almost been completed. —Associated Press.

BEVIN ON WAY TO ITALY

Alexandria, January 29. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, left here tonight in the cruiser Birmingham for Naples, on his way home after the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Conference in Colombo.

He had travelled by road from Cairo where, during his two-day official visit to Egypt, he met the Egyptian Prime Minister, Mustafa El Nahas Pasha, and other Egyptian Government leaders.

Before leaving Cairo, Mr. Bevin said goodbye to the Duke of Edinburgh who has been visiting Cairo. While in Italy the Foreign Secretary is expected to visit Rome and have talks with Italian political leaders. —Reuters.

New cold war phase predicted

Washington, January 30. A new Russian Communist spring offensive in the cold war is expected by many informed Washington officials. Whether the main move will come in South East Asia, the Middle East or Central Europe is not predicted.

Some officials expressed belief the planning of strategy may be an important item in the current prolonged meeting of the leaders of Red China and Russia.

This view is reported to be held even by those who contend, along with the U. S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that Russia is alienating the Chinese by taking over huge areas of Northern China. The assumption is that the conflict between Russian and China will develop slowly while their common interest in spreading Communist power is already full grown.

State Department experts appear divided on the question of what forces actually are most important in Russian policy at the moment. They seek a common denominator for a wide range of actions, including the Soviet squeeze on Western transport in Germany, Bulgaria's recent demand for withdrawal of the American Minister at Sofia, the pressures on Americans in China, and the casual way in which the Chinese Communists have turned their backs, pretty generally on the whole West.

Sense of triumph

On the broad sense of Communist-Russian pushing and probing at many points around the cold war front, some officials here believe the indications are that an important driving force in present Russian policy is the tremendous sense of triumph born out of the victory in China. By this line of reasoning, Russia is now primarily interested in keeping the influence of world Communism rolling forward.

Most officials, however, seem persuaded that in spite of their Communist victory in China the Russians are motivated mainly by fear of Titism. In this view, their greatest concern now is to wipe out Marshal Tito, tighten constantly their control over Eastern European satellites, and fasten their authority firmly over the Communist leaders of China.

Neither of the theories, or a combination of both, leads to the forecast of aggressive Russian action in the months immediately ahead—rather than to any new hopes for easing the world into a cold war truce. —Associated Press.

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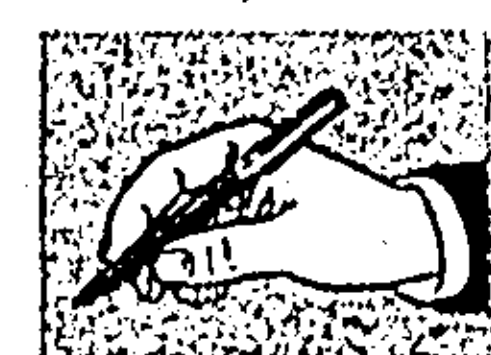
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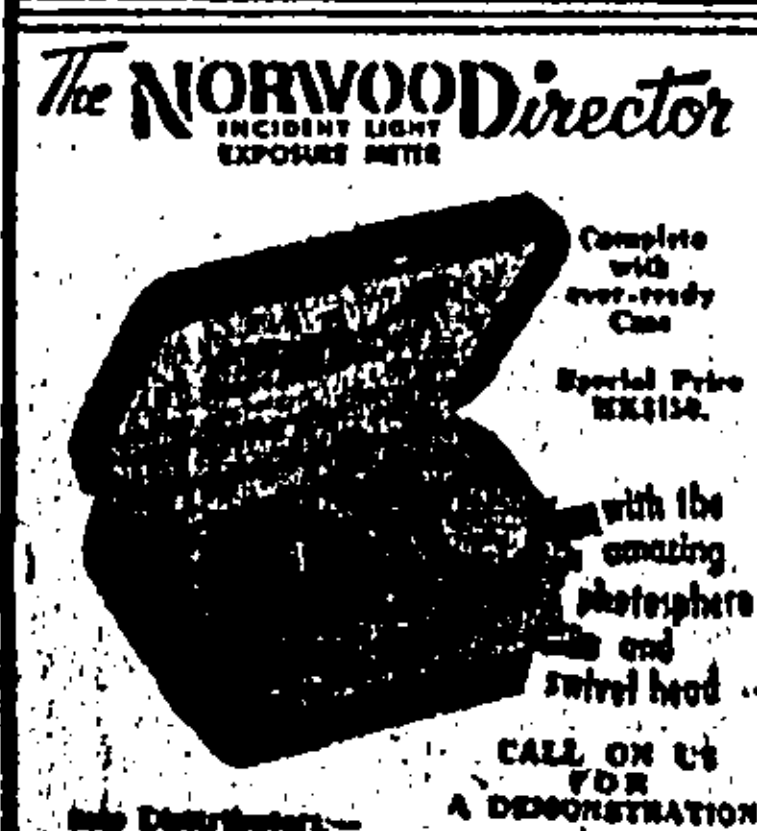
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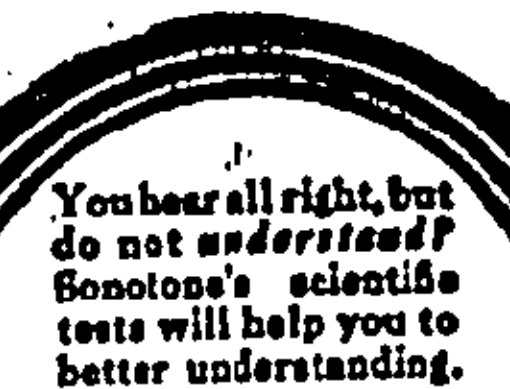
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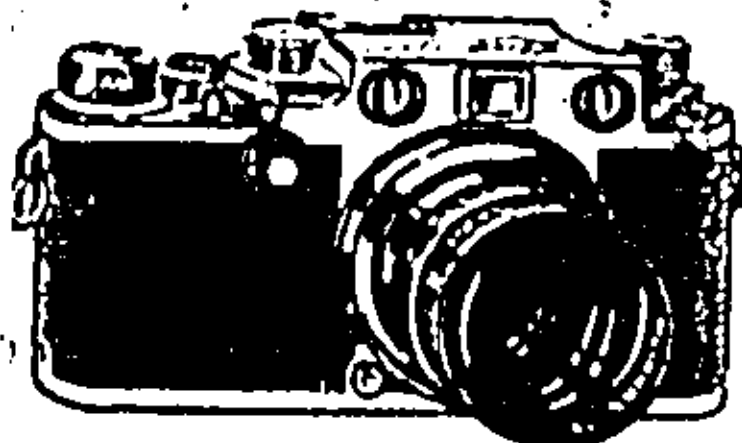
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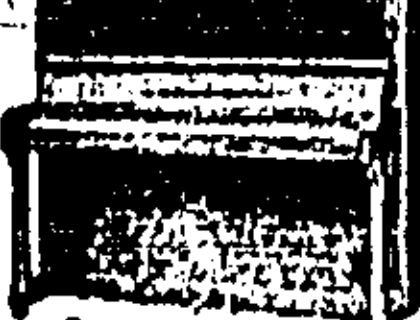
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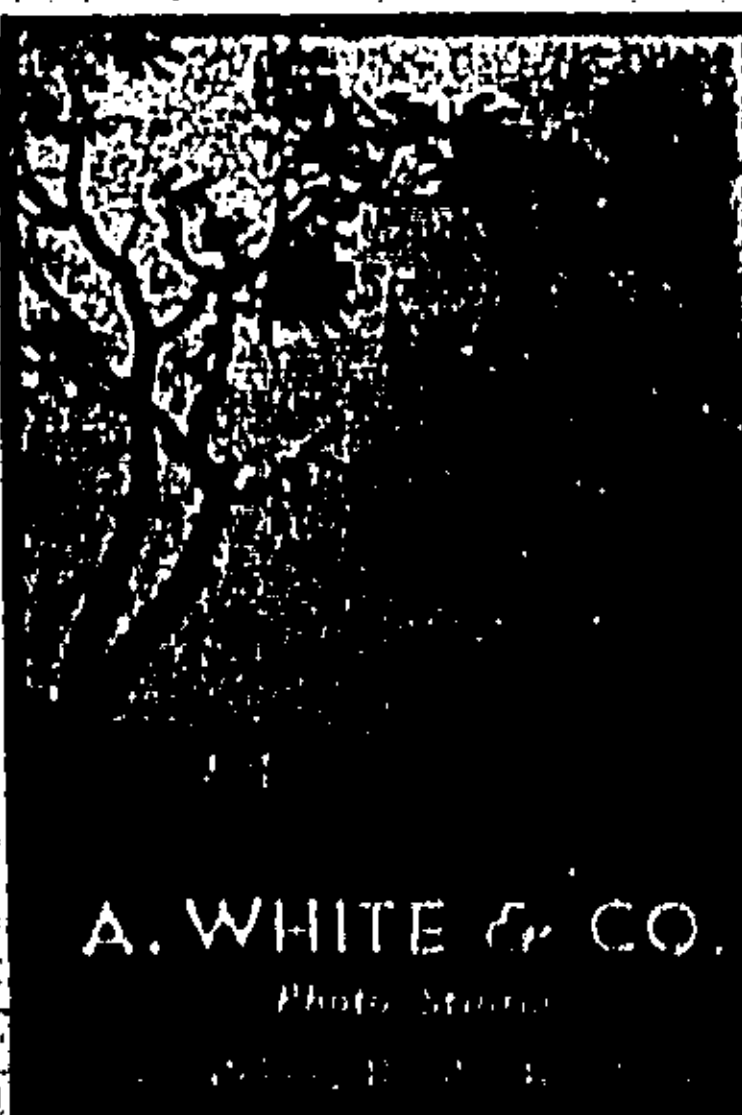
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A woman member of the Communist "People's Police" controls traffic lights at one of the few congested traffic areas in the Soviet Sector of Berlin. The grey building in the background once housed Goering's Luftwaffe headquarters.—Associated Press Photo.

Unique pictures appear in "Life"

The first full-colour reproductions of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling and "Last Judgment" from the Chapel's altar wall appear in the January 2 issue of Life International, now on sale in Hong Kong.

Russian scientists' discovery

London, January 29. Soviet scientists have discovered the skeletons of a youth of the Neanderthal race in the Teshik-Tash Cave, in the foothills of the Gissar Mountains in Southern Uzbekistan, a Tass despatch received in London said today.

The sculptor-anthropologist, Mikhail Gerasimov, succeeded in restoring the skull which showed many simian (ape-like) characteristics, the report stated.

(Neanderthal Man, named after the first human remains of this type discovered in the Neanderthal Ravine, near Dusseldorf, lived in the late Palaeolithic (Stone) Age. Fossil relics of this race have been discovered in widely-scattered cave-sites in Europe, Malta and Palestine.)

The Soviet news agency said that an important collective study on the Teshik-Tash Cave, which was first discovered in 1940, has just been published.

The finds included hearths dating back 5,000 years, stone implements and bone fragments of wild animals, particularly leopards and other beasts of prey killed by the primitive hunters.—Reuter.

THE DIFFERENCE

Dayton, January 29. Mr. Cecil Palmer, a British book publisher, who is on a speaking tour of America, told the Annual Meeting of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce:

"The difference between the Americans and British today is that Americans are unaware that they have liberty. In England we are aware that we have nearly lost it."—Associated Press.

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Legislative Council for Virgin Isles

London, January 29. The Colonial Secretary, Arthur Creech Jones, has agreed in principle to a proposal of the Governor of the Leeward Islands, Earl Baldwin, for the establishment of a Legislative Council in the Virgin Islands.

The Governor will appoint a Committee to make suggestions as to a constitution and qualifications of members of a Legislative Council.

The Virgin Islands are a Presidency of the Leeward Islands colony. The Virgin Islands had a Legislative Council until 1952, when it resigned and turned its functions over to the Governor of the Leeward Islands. Other Leeward Islands Presidencies have Legislative Councils.—Associated Press.

ARRESTS IN EAST GERMANY

Berlin, January 29. The Soviet official organ in Germany, "Tagliche Rundschau," announced the arrest of five Party friends of Dr. Leonard Moog, the former Liberal Democratic Finance Minister of Thuringia, who went over to the West recently.

The paper said that they had been arrested on charges of black market operations in which at least 1,000,000 East Marks were involved.—Reuter.

Check still kept on atomic bomb wounded

Hiroshima, January 30. The American Atom Bomb Casualty Commission gave the world a glimpse of the research it is doing in Japan's atomic blast areas where the bomb's long-range effects on survivors and their descendants are being charted.

Lieutenant-Colonel Carl F. Tesser, director of ABCC, said that a radiation census brought in questionnaires filled out by 86,818 persons in Hiroshima and 79,607 in Nagasaki, all of whom experienced the bombs.

All findings of the ABCC are classified military information and are forwarded direct to Washington.

The ABCC clinic and laboratory has been in operation since 1947. Colonel Tesser pointed out, but work in Hiroshima has been going on for longer than in Nagasaki, where tabulations are still in the preparatory stages.

He said that over 14,000 prospective mothers in Hiroshima, 12,000 in Nagasaki and 8,000 in Kure (where many Hiroshima victims built new homes) have been registered in the ABCC genetics research programme.

Almost 3,000 new-born babies in Hiroshima, 1,500 in Nagasaki and 1,200 in Kure have been visited by ABCC staff doctors in their homes.

To check child growth and development more than 1,200 Na-

gasaki school children and 1,700 youngsters in Hiroshima and Kure have been brought to clinics for diagnostic examinations.

Other phases of the ABCC diagnostic programme, Colonel Tesser revealed, include ophthalmology, internal medicine, obstetrics-gynaecology, hematology, parasitology, bacteriology and bio-chemistry.

"ABCC is particularly appreciative for the co-operation and help extended by Japanese physicians," Colonel Tesser said.—United Press.

BATTLE OF THE CITIES OVER

Catanzaro, January 29. Peace returned tonight to Calabria. The battle of the two cities, Catanzaro and Reggio, to decide which should be the capital of this South Italian province, is over. Both have agreed to let Parliament settle the dispute.

Peasant "warriors" who over the week-end had rallied to the call "fight for the glory of Catanzaro," went quietly home tonight.

"It was a glorious and valiant fight," said one proud Catanzarino as "Citizens' Committees" went back to peace-time occupations.—Reuter.

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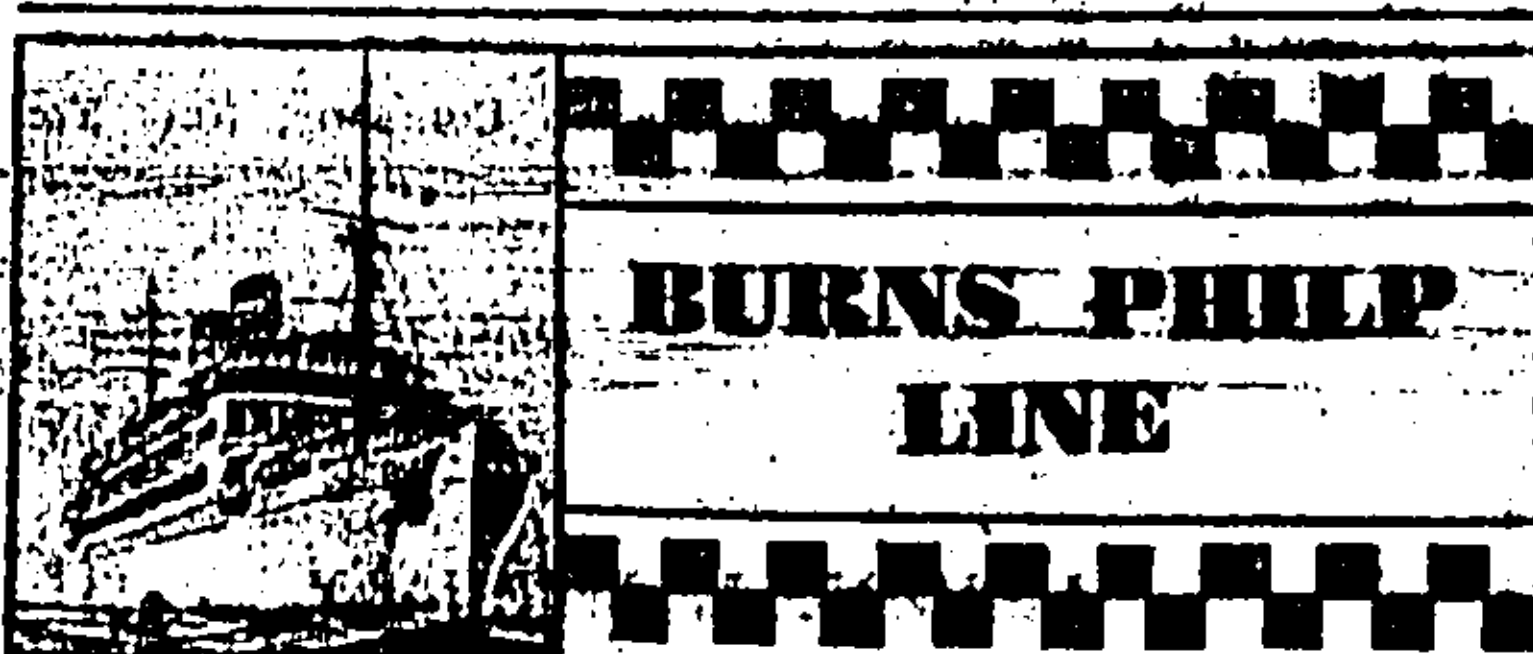
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

W. Germany may help in industrialising Red China

Abrogation of Sino-U.S. trade treaty asked

Washington, January 30. Representative Colmer, Mississippi Democrat, called today for abrogation of the Chinese trade treaty in view of the Communist domination of that country.

He made his suggestion to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

Mr. Colmer made public a letter to Mr. Acheson saying that he is particularly concerned about tung oil, which this country now imports duty free from China. Mr. Colmer urged that a tariff be imposed on such imports.

Various Southern states, including Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida, now produce large quantities of tung oil, an important ingredient in paints.

"Exports of tung oil have heretofore been a primary source of American credit to the Chinese," Mr. Colmer wrote, "but it seems inconceivable to me that China, now overrun by the Communists, should continue to enjoy the benefits granted to her under the Geneva treaty."

"To do so places the United States, as China's principal customer for tung oil, in the position of supporting the economy of the Communists. This will be true whether continued exports are made direct or through British sources in Hong Kong," Associated Press.

NEW FINANCE MINISTER

Berlin, January 29. Herr Max Seydewitz, Premier of the Province of Saxony, today appointed the Minister for Trade and Supply, Dr. George Knabe, as acting Finance Minister to replace the Christian Democrat, Herr Bernhard Rohner, who was suspended from his office last week on charges of "covering economic criminals."

Herr Rohner was one of the two leading Christian Democrats in Saxony who were strongly attacked by the Socialist Unity Party.—Reuter.

STEEL MILL IN PALESTINE

New York, January 29. Plans have been made to construct Israel's first steel rolling mill seven miles North of Haifa, an official of H.A. Brasserie and Company, Iron and steel mill consulting engineers of New York, disclosed today.

The mill will employ about 250 men and may later be expanded into a complete plant. The completion of the rolling mill is expected late this year or early in 1951 and an output of 60,000 tons annually is planned.—Reuter.

GERMAN CAR

Wolfsburg, January 29. Exports of the German people's car (Volkswagen) were at the rate of 1,200 during the month of January, the general manager of the people's car factory announced. He said as a result of showing at the recent Brussels automobile exhibition the factory has received orders for 600 cars from Belgium.

He predicts that by the end of 1950 output will be increased by 100 daily to attain a daily production of 350.—Reuter.

Britain expected to ask for loan

New York, January 29.

Wall Street experts are convinced that Britain will seek a substantial new dollar loan from the United States before the end of the year, the "New York Times" said today.

In that event the appeal would be made on the necessity of advancing money to Britain to help her "to repair the damage done by five years of Socialist rule," Reuter.

Estimates of the loan range from \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000.

Some believe that the request will be for \$4,000,000,000 and will be more in the nature of a re-funding operation under which the Anglo-American loan would be taken up and a new loan issued on terms calling for repayment within 100 years and with out interest.

The 1948 American loan provided for repayment within 50 years beginning in 1951 and carrying interest at the rate of two per cent.

"The Times" said that the request for the loan will come regardless of what political party wins the British elections.

But the view here is that the "ask" of \$4,000,000,000 American people on an additional loan to Britain will be much easier to make than a Generative victory.

Washington, January 30. The Foreign Policy Association, a private research body popularly regarded as objective, warned today that Russia may invite Western Germany to help carry out industrialization of Communist China.

It contended, "Such an invitation could not be lightly disregarded by any German government whether controlled by industrialists hostile to Communism or by Communists."

In a current issue of its periodical, published "Foreign Affairs Bulletin," the Association said in part, "Hitherto advocates in the United States of non-recognition of Chinese Communists have assumed that sooner or later the Peking regime, finding Russia incapable of furnishing technical aid and equipment needed for China's industrialization, would have to turn to the United States."

The Association asked, however, whether this was a sound assumption. It said, "Aside from the capacity of Britain to supply some of China's needs, larger opportunity is being hinted at. This is the possibility that Russia might invite Western Germany, already looking for export outlets, to provide technical aid and machinery for industrialization of China."

A check with Administration officials concerned with German policy questions revealed they are familiar with the line of thinking presented in this Association report but some were inclined to take the position that it might be over optimistic.

Similar relations

They pointed out from several stand-points that potential relation of Japan with Communist China might be considered similar to that envisaged by the Association for Germany. The Japanese vision of Greater Asia "Co-Prosperity Sphere" was based largely on the theory that Japan would supply the impetus for China's industrialization to the exclusion of Western powers. The attempt to implement this concept contributed to the opening of World War II.

Some authoritative sources here take the position that the Western Allies have not yet loosened the reins of their control over Germany and Japan, the extent of preventing their quick intercession to check the development of new trade patterns considered dangerous to the security of the Western Democratic world.

It is true these controls have been relaxed in Germany far more than in Japan but as the United States High Commissioner for Germany, Mr. John McCloy, pointed out here last week the power of the final Allied veto in both defeated nations still exists and can be invoked if the situation demands.

To a certain degree it is felt here that trade by both Germany and Japan not only with China but also with other countries at the world on both sides of the Iron Curtain should be encouraged. This is the Western policy spoken of on many occasions by the highest United States officials at home and abroad. Up to a point it is not felt that such commercial patterns need interfere with broad or democratic security objectives in the cold war or the economic interests of the conquering powers.

The possibility, such as it is being developed to the extent

Still a long time

Despite its rapid recovery of industrial potential most economic experts are inclined to feel that it will be a long time before Western Germany is in a position to make any substantial moves to capture the China market and in the meantime, terms of trade are all in favour of Britain.

Most of the informed sources contacted here think it would be considerably easier to check the development of any similar undesirable trading habits between Germany and China.

DOLLAR MUST BE STABILISED

New York, January 29. The Institute of Life Insurance said in a new economic bulletin today that the United States must stabilize the value of the dollar or face economic disaster.

The Institute says that the purchasing power of the dollar declines nearly as much in the next 50 years as it did during the first half of the 20th Century, the effect on savings and security programmes will be chaotic.

With all its soundness as a currency, the dollar today will buy only a third as much as it did in 1900, the Institute commented.—Associated Press.

Money Market

US dollars dropped over the week-end re-opened yesterday at HK\$4.40, closing at HK\$4.39. TT were put through from HK\$4.43 to HK\$4.45.

Stirling was unchanged at HK\$16.35, as also were Australian pounds at HK\$12.95. Electric current nominal at HK\$12.95 a 100.

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